

tangle

I

1. ['tæŋg(ə)] n**1. переплетение**

tangle of branches - сплетение ветвей

tangle of briars - заросли терновника

2. 1) спутанный клубок

to make a tangle of smth., to get smth. in a tangle - распутывать /запутывать/ что-л

to straighten /to comb out/ the tangles in smb.'s hair, to comb tangles out of smb.'s hair - распутывать /расчёсывать/ волосы кому-л.

2) клубок, сплетение

tangle of emotions and desires - клубок /переплетение/ эмоций и желаний

3. 1) путаница, неразбериха; беспорядок, сумбур; смятение

in a tangle - в запутанном состоянии

his thoughts are in a tangle - у него сумбур в голове

he is all in a tangle - он совершенно растерялся /запутался/, он перестал что-л понимать /соображать/

it's a hopeless tangle - в этом не разберёшься, этого никогда не распутаешь; ≅ в этом сам чёрт ногу сломит

a nice tangle you've made of it! - полюбуйся, что ты наделал /натворил!; ну и натворил ты дел!

2) ссора, стычка

to avoid a tangle with smb. - во избежание ссоры с кем-л.

I got into a tangle with him - я с ним поцапался, у меня с ним вышла перепалка

4. (уличная) пробка, затор (мж. traffic tangle)

the traffic got into a complete tangle - на дороге образовалась страшная пробка

5. драга для исследования морского дна**2. ['tæŋg(ə)] v****1. 1) спутывать, запутывать**

to tangle a knot - запутать узел

to get tangled (up) - окончательно запутаться [см. мж. 2, 3]

the monkey's fur was tangled with filth - мех обезьянки слипся от грязи

2) спутываться, запутываться, переплетаться

his long hair tangled - его длинные волосы спутались

2. 1) запутывать, усложнять

to be tangled in lies - запутаться во лжи

2) запутываться, усложняться**3) впутывать**

to get tangled (up) - попасть /впутаться/ в историю [см. мж. 1, 1]

to be tangled in a shady business - заняться сомнительным делом, быть втянутым в подозрительные махинации

3. (with) ссориться, цапаться (с кем-л.)

I've tangled with him - я с ним поцапался, у меня с ним была перепалка

4. 1) ловить**2) мешать, препятствовать; связывать**

II

['tæŋg(ə)] n бот.бурая водоросль, ламинария (*Laminaria digitata*)**tangle**

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tan·gle [**tangle tangles tangled tangling**] noun, verb BrE ['tæŋɡl̩] * NAmE

['tæŋɡl̩] *

noun

1. a twisted mass of threads, hair, etc. that cannot be easily separated

- a tangle of branches
- Her hair was a mass of tangles.

2. a state of confusion or lack of order

- His financial affairs are in a tangle.

3. (informal) a disagreement or fightWord Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'entangle, catch in a tangle'): probably of Scandinavian origin and related to Swedish dialect **taggla** 'disarrange'.Example Bank:

- I had to pick my way through the tangle of bodies.
- She brushed the tangles out of her hair.
- She ran her fingers through the tangles in her hair.
- The legal tangle was never really unravelled.
- This string's in a tangle.
- a complex tangle of loyalties
- a confused tangle of voices
- a dense tangle of undergrowth

- her hair was a mass of tangles
- He got into a tangle pronouncing her name.
- These arrests have created a diplomatic tangle.

Derived ↑ **tangle with somebody**

verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) up

to twist sth into an untidy mass; to become twisted in this way

- She had tangled up the sheets on the bed as she lay tossing and turning.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tangle
	BrE / 'tæŋgl/
	NAme / 'tæŋgl/
he / she / it	tangles
	BrE / 'tæŋglz/
	NAme / 'tæŋglz/
past simple, past participle	tangled
	BrE / 'tæŋɡld/
	NAme / 'tæŋɡld/
-ing form	tangling
	BrE / 'tæŋɡlɪŋ/
	NAme / 'tæŋɡlɪŋ/

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I. **tangle**¹ /'tæŋɡəl/ BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. **[intransitive and transitive] (also tangle up)** to become twisted together, or make something become twisted together, in an untidy mass:

- My hair tangles easily.
- His parachute became tangled in the wheels of the plane.

2. **[intransitive]** to argue or fight with someone

tangle with

- It was not an animal you'd care to tangle with.

II. **tangle**² BrE² AmE² noun [countable]

1. a twisted mass of something such as hair or thread:

- Her hair was full of tangles after being out in the wind.

tangle of

- John was sitting on the floor in a tangle of blankets.

tangle of bushes/branches/vegetation etc

- She followed him, pushing through the dense tangle of bushes and branches.

2. a confused state or situation

tangle of

- Her brain was teeming with a whole tangle of emotions.

3. **informal** a quarrel or fight

tangle with

- She got into a tangle with the staff.

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